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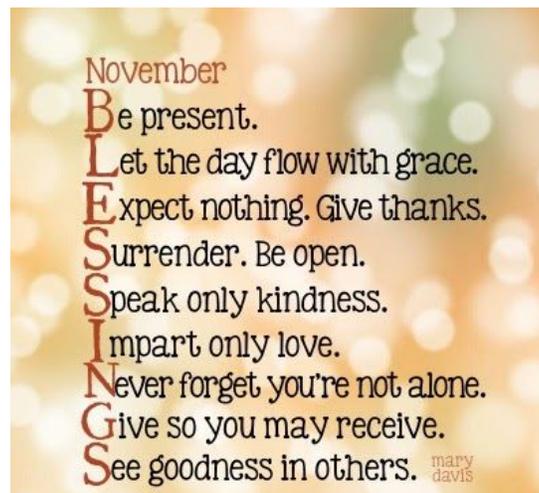
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2nd November, 2020



A chairde,

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all staff and students. We have had an eventful week in which a large number of positive cases were reported to the school and over a week later, no testing has been arranged for that class. Schools and parents/guardians are doing our best to keep everyone safe, at home and at school, but the lack of testing is concerning. This makes it even more important to let the school know immediately if your child/ren have a positive test. We all need to keep up our efforts in hand-washing, mask wearing and maintaining social distance. We have larger numbers congregating outside the gates in the mornings, than we had at the beginning of the school year. Please remind your child not to stand in groups while waiting and be mindful yourself of social distance and mask wearing, if you are with them. Please do not arrive too early, as this adds to the amount of congregating. We are most grateful for the cooperation we have received from you all. Please continue to do so. Thanks.

Room 4: It's great to see everybody back. Big thanks to Ms Carr and Ms Rhona for their assistance with remote learning.

Application for Enrolment Forms for next year are now available on our website (under "Forms") or through this link

<https://stmarystrim.ie/wp-content/plugins/smart-slideshow-widget/2020/10/Application-for-enrolment-and-enrolment-policy-to-email-2-1.pdf>

Please return by email or post in preference to hand delivery.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Parent-Teacher Meetings will take place on Tuesday November 17th and Thursday November 19th. We hope you all have managed to book your meeting times online. If not, please contact the class teacher *immediately* and we will assist you. There is a phone facility available through Google Meet, in case we have technical issues.

Mobile phones

Mobile phones are not to be used by pupils during school hours and are to be turned off on entering the school grounds. If a phone is switched on, it will be confiscated and returned in person only to parents/guardians.

“If it’s out, it’s on. If it’s on it’s gone!”

The use of phones to take photographs or videos is strictly forbidden and will incur penalties up to and including suspension.

Annual School Book Fair

Just to let you know that our annual school Book Fair, run in conjunction with Antonia's Bookstore, scheduled for November 3rd and 4th will **not** now take place. I have been liaising with Antonia over the summer holidays, as well during the last few weeks, to arrange a remote Book Fair but, due to restrictions, associated with Covid and uncertainty regarding schools, it is not feasible at this time. We hope to organise something at a later stage in the year, all going well. In the meantime, Antonia, in collaboration with two other bookstores, is hoping to organise some online workshops with authors, in the near future. The teachers of the relevant classes will receive links to these workshops soon.

Mary O'Hare

Shoebox Appeal

This year the Christmas Shoebox Appeal is moving online. The children and families of St Mary's have always been so generous and have made so many less fortunate children around the world so happy with their thoughtful gifts each year. Have a look below at the wonderful memories from last year in St Mary's of the lovely shoeboxes we prepared.

This year we can't send *our usual* shoeboxes so Team Hope are asking us to virtually fill a shoebox online. The Team Hope Volunteers in the various countries will then fill the boxes and deliver them to the excited children.

Each box will cost €20 and you can personalise it online by clicking on this page to build a special box from you and your family.

<https://www.teamhope.ie/christmas-shoebox-appeal/#build-a-box> There is still lots of time to fill in a box online as the closing date is not until December.

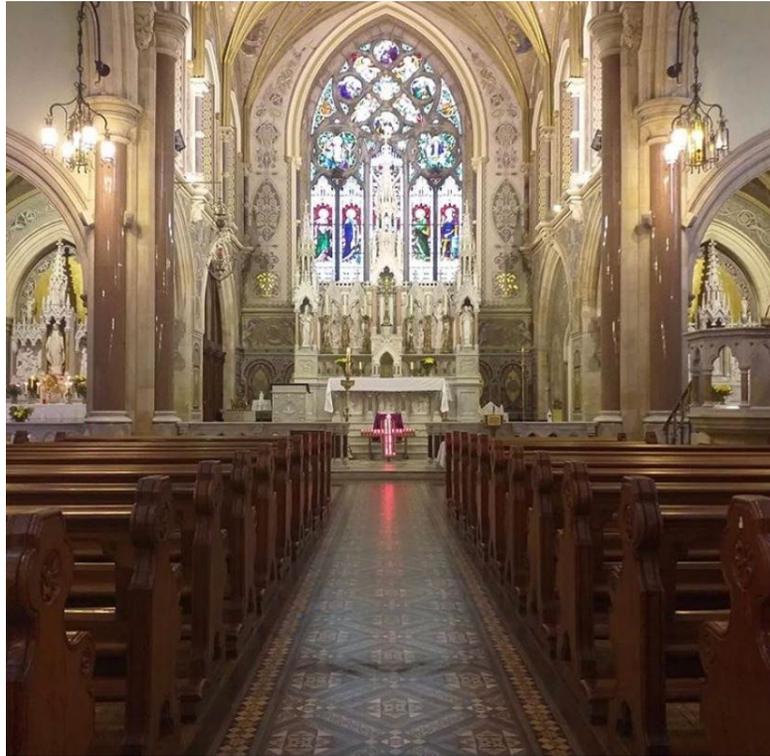
This year has been difficult for people all over the world and although this year may be different, the need for shoebox gifts is more important than ever. Let's try to share some happiness among young children abroad from all of us here in St Marys.

Take a look at the video of the wonderful smiling faces when they received their boxes last year.
<https://www.teamhope.ie/christmas-shoebox-appeal/>

Ms Dalton

We remember in a special way this November all those people from our school community who have died since this time last year.

*Remember them O Lord who in your peace have died
Oh May we share eternal day with them in Heaven above*



Mise le meas

Cóilín Ó Coigligh

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Príomh Oide.

[Community News](#)

[Green News](#)

Nathanna na Seachtaine: Tá sé fuar/ Tá sé gaofar
Seanfhocal na Míosa: Is glas iad na cnoic i bhfad uainn

Green News

Our Green theme continues as Global Citizenship Marine this year. We will be engaging in a number of activities albeit of a virtual nature. Our friends from An Taisce have sent us lots of ideas so we will be involving our classes in various events, workshops and seminars during the year.

COW and WOW are on hold for now but we encourage you all to walk or cycle whenever you can.

Remember to keep your good green habits going at home. Reduce, reuse and recycle as much as you can.

Be safe and be green!

by Mrs Nally

St Mary's Parents' Association

<https://www.facebook.com/stmarysparentsassoc/>

Many thanks for your continued support.

Caroline Smith

Chairperson

Community Notices

High Tech Kids Online Computer Classes

Coding with Scratch & the Micro:bit

Coding

Classes Monday and Tuesdays
Starting November 9th
5-6p.m.

2nd - 6th class



Google Classroom

We offer support and training to both children and parents in the use of Google Classroom.

Google Drive & Slides (Microsoft PowerPoint)

Create a Google Slide presentation
Working with & formatting text.
Adding & editing images

Starting Tues Nov 10th 5 - 6p.m

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Registration:
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